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Judge Bethurum

Speaks To Large Crowd At Monticello. Predicted He Will Carry Wayne County By Large Majority.

On Monday June 27th, Judge B. J. Bethurum, L. E. Meece, Judge Wm. Catron spoke to one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the Monticello court house.

Kennedy's mud-slinging and the high esteem which the people of Wayne county have for Judge Bethurum are said to be responsible for the enormous crowd. The citizens of Wayne county resent Kennedy's unfair and unjust abuse of their Circuit Judge as well as does Kennedy and they know that he is the best Circuit Judge in the state of Kentucky. He is a refined Christian gentleman, just and impartial, and they will not stand for the character of campaign Kennedy is putting up.

Kennedy spoke in the forenoon and opened all his vials of wrath and abuse. He made all kinds of false charges, many of his audience arising in disgust and leaving the court house while he was speaking. It was estimated by the citizens who flocked to hear Judge Bethurum after Kennedy's speech that that speech had cost Kennedy at least five hundred votes.

Judge Bethurum answered all the charges and proved them up to be false and unbecoming to a man who aspires to the high office of Circuit Judge. He held the vast audience of more than three hundred voters spellbound; nor did they leave at the close of Bethurum's speech, but stayed until after Meece and Catron had spoken. The crowd that heard Bethurum was much larger than the one which was up to see Kennedy in the forenoon and which proves that the people of Wayne county are behind Bethurum and backing him in greater numbers than ever before. There is now but little doubt that Bethurum will carry Wayne county by a nice majority.

The people of Wayne county say that Kennedy forfeited all claim on their support when he bolted the Republican ticket in 1917; they say that a man who could flip over into the Democratic ranks in 1917 when the Democratic party had violated its sacred pledge to keep us out of war, and had plunged our boys into the world conflict, unprepared, without sufficient battle-ships, food or ammunition to protect them, when heart strings were being broken and boys torn from their homes by the selective draft, all through the mismanagement of the Democratic party, the man who could do that then has no claim upon the voters of the great Republican party.

A large delegation came up from Clinton county to hear Judge Bethurum. There is no longer any doubt that Judge Bethurum will carry Clinton county by at least 500 votes. All of the leaders in that county, who made the fight for Kennedy before are now for Bethurum. His old friends are standing unanimously behind him. His friends claim that he will carry every precinct in Clinton county.

Supt. Meece, who is managing Judge Bethurum's campaign said that he considered Judge Bethurum's speaking at Monticello one of the greatest successes of the campaign. It proved beyond a doubt that Judge Bethurum is pursuing the right course in making a clean and dignified campaign, and that Kennedy's mudslinging is disgusting to the voters and is harmful only to Kennedy himself.

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VOTE FOR R. L. Langford FOR High Sheriff ROCKCASTLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AUGUST 6, 1921



R. L. LANGFORD
for Sheriff



JOSIAH CUMMINS



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DEPUTIES

KENNEDY'S MUDSLINGING

In the beginning of his campaign for Circuit Judge H. C. Kennedy pledged to the voters of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District that he would not engage in the character of mudslinging campaign as waged and disgraced the race for Circuit Judge six years ago. Those who knew Kennedy best knew that he would not keep this pledge. He is now engaging in one of the most disgraceful mudslinging campaigns of which his poison brain is capable of conceiving. It is to be regretted that Judge Bethurum, being the refined gentleman that he is, is forced to have as an opponent for the high office of Circuit Judge a man who does not hesitate to stoop to the lowest and foulest of means to try to deceive the people into voting for him. All of his charges are unjust and untrue. He has grossly misrepresented the truth, garbled figures in his fruitless efforts to deceive the people. He tries to



W. H. LIVESAY
FOR
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blame the Circuit Judge for every case acquitted by a jury, when every intelligent man or woman knows that the judge only sits in cases and gives a fair and impartial trial, the jury finds the verdict and that verdict is final. The Judge cannot dictate the kind of verdict to render in any criminal case which is tried before him. If he did he would not be the fair and impartial judge which the law requires that he be. Kennedy's efforts to deceive the people into believing that Judge Bethurum is responsible for the verdict in such cases as were mentioned in his campaign paper last week is a reflection upon the intelligence of the voters of the 28th Judicial District. His attack, while it is aimed at Judge Bethurum, is really upon the citizenship of the district.

He has even stooped so low as to have forged letters circulated purporting to have been signed by our Circuit Judge. The citizens are asking the question, what on earth will he resort to next? Judge Bethurum is making a clean and manly campaign one that is in keeping with the dignity of the high office of Circuit Judge, and the people are endorsing his campaign. They are not deceived by Kennedy's vile misrepresentations. They know their Circuit Judge, and they know that these charges are false. They will vindicate Judge Bethurum at the polls on election day, the 6th of August. The enormous crowd which gathered to hear Judge Bethurum at Monticello and the enormous crowds he is having every where, is proof that the people are backing him in far greater numbers than ever before. His election is generally conceded by all who are in touch with the situation. This is a Republican primary



Tommy
Taylor
for JAILER

For a Better Kentucky



John F. Pigg
Republican Candidate for
Representative
Laurel and Rockcastle Counties solicits your support.
Primary, Aug. 6th

cause of Democratic inefficiency, when the selective draft was tearing our sons from their mothers' arms, and rushing them into battle, without proper food clothing, arms or ammunition, all because the Democratic party had failed to prepare lest they injure their chances to elect a Democratic President; in that same year, 1917, Kennedy turned his back upon the grand old Republican party and joined the ranks of the Democrats.

There is no doubt about the people's choice. Judge Bethurum will carry Rockcastle, Pulaski and Clinton with big majorities beyond the shadow of doubt, and Kennedy will have the fight of his life if he breaks even with Bethurum in Wayne. Kennedy has lost heavily in Wayne and the citizens resent the kind of campaign he is waging. They are taking up the cry "Rebuke the wrong of 1917."

L. E. MEECE.
Campaign Manager for Judge Bethurum — Commonwealth.

Heres What Chief Justice Hobson Says

Speaking of Judge Bethurum and his record as Circuit Judge, The Commonwealth would rather believe what Chief Justice Hobson, of the Court of Appeals, says than to believe some others. Hon. J. A. Brown, of Wayne county, said in a speech in Somerset May 23rd:—

"I had a conversation with Judge Hobson, Chief Justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, several years ago, in regard to the record of Judge Bethurum. This conversation took place just immediately before Judge Bethurum entered the race for re-election six years ago. Judge Hobson had reviewed much of the work of our Judge which was taken from his courts to the court of appeals from time to time, and was familiar with the ability that was displayed by Judge Bethurum in the judgments appealed from, and I wanted to know the opinion of Judge Hobson upon this question. Hobson was a Democrat, and I knew that any opinion that he then expressed would be disinterested and absolutely unbiased, or at least, would not be flavored in favor of Judge Bethurum. I propounded this question to Judge Hobson: 'Judge Hobson, would you advise us to elect some other man as Circuit Judge in the place of Judge Bethurum?' His answer was immediate, and he said: 'I don't know anything about Bethurum's opponent, or his qualifications. I am a Democrat, and am not interested in the race, and do not want to hurt anyone's feelings, but I don't care who knows what I have to say in answer to your question. JUDGE BETHURUM IS ONE OF THE VERY BEST CIRCUIT JUDGES IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY, AND THE BEST JUDGE IN THE MOUNTAINS. Somerset Commonwealth.

VOTE FOR T. J. BALL FOR Circuit Court Clerk

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY, AUGUST 6, 1921



I HAVE been a republican all my life, voting the Republican ticket and giving both my time and money for the advancement of the Republican party. I am a native of Rockcastle County. My parents died when I was quite young, and I just "grewed up" at Brush Creek. I never went to school until after I was fourteen years of age. Then realizing the need of an education I took the Lincoln way going to the free schools and studying my books until after midnight. Later I partly finished my education at Berea College, working my way through. My efforts to get an education were the efforts of the Homeless Boy who did not have a dollar, using the old slogan, "where there is a will there is a way." I met with some success.

I have been one of Rockcastle's school teachers for twenty years. I solicit your support on my qualifications, I passed the examinations required by law for Circuit Court Clerk. I have had a college course in book keeping; if you had a business of your own that required a book keeper you would advertise to get one and from the applicants for the job you would select the man best qualified to look after your interest. There is no reason why you should not do the same in voting for a man to be your Circuit Court Clerk. Won't you recognize my qualifications and cast your vote for me?

Neither of my opponents had to strive for an education like I did. While (Little) Bill was getting an education his Papa was Superintendent of Schools for Rockcastle County, for two terms, and there has been a Davis in office almost all the time since then. There is one now. Won't you let Billie wait a little longer?

While Jesse DeHord was being raised and getting what he calls an education his father was drawing public money from your county seat for being a policeman, and he is still Mt. Vernon's Policeman.

I have given you the facts - draw your own conclusions. My case is in your hands.

Will thank you for your support in this Campaign. Yours for a better Rockcastle.

Respectfully,

T. J. BALL

VOTE FOR



Earl Phillips

— THE SOLDIER BOY —
for
COUNTY CLERK

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
August 6, 1921

He is sober straight and honest, 31 years old and fully qualified for the office

Has neither held or asked for any county office before altho was born and raised in the county.

He was a soldier in the late World War and needs the office.

LET'S TRY HIM

THE SAME EVERYWHERE
The editor of Paisa Akbar, a native newspaper of Lahore, India, says, "I have used Chamber's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy many times among my children and servants, for colic and diarrhoea and always found it effective."

MR. BELL

Mr. E. E. Belle, of Monticello, has filed his papers with the Secretary of State as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Circuit Judge of this district. Mr. Bell will not expect to win the office at the November election, as this is a Republican district, and as such will want a Republican to serve in that capacity. Judge Bethurum being the only true and tried Republican offering for the place, will be nominated and elected by a record breaking majority. No one will question this and no one can question it. The reports come from every section of the district that Judge Bethurum is the favorite, and many of the friends of the other side now concede that Judge Bethurum will have no trouble to defeat his opponent. Mr. Bell as a Democratic candidate for county attorney of Wayne, a number of years ago, received valuable assistance from Judge Bethurum's opponent, and may be expecting the same thing in his race for Judge, against Judge Bethurum. It seems strange that Wayne county is again furnishing the Democratic candidate for Circuit Judge.

The labored efforts of the opposition to Judge Bethurum to prove that he has not made good as Circuit Judge have served only to strengthen the Judge in the estimation of the people. His record is known by the people, and no set of politicians, who are seeking to defeat him because they can't use him, can break him down in the estimation of the great masses of the people. They know that Judge Bethurum can't be swayed, and they know that he will do justice, as he sees it, no matter how poor and humble the party seeking it may be — Commonwealth.

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FOR
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